----- the newsletter of the Sinclair Computer Users Society -----SINCUS NEWS

1229 Rhodes Road Johnson City, New York 13790 ----- since 1982 -----

May meeting— The single slate of candidates had all wondering if there would be any last minute challenges, alas there were none. In a desperate last minute manauver to avoid making ballots for the run off for Trustee position, as FOUR were running for three positions, this secretary made a motion to expand the number of positions of Trustee to FOUR, seconded, and passed with no further ado. Soon we will define the duties of the position of Trustee! It was noted that Bill Tilley is recovering from his illness and we all hope to see him soon.

Officers for the year 1988-1989 are: President-Clyde Tackley

President-Clyde Tackley Vice President-Dave Schoenwetter

Treasurer-George Penney Secretary-Paul Hill

Trustees (4)

Carl Morris, William Tilley, Scott Eddy and Don Lamen

June Meet-On a very HOT evening in June, we met at the almost air-conditioned Vestal Libaray. The "portable" Oliger/2068 system debuted. I may check in with a hernia after portable (ing) it back and forth. A motion to repair the donated 2068 was made, but after discussion several attempts to pinpoint the problem will be made and reported at the July meet. The donated 2068 works but the video output begins to blur and the letters have a long smear to the right. Shortly after the meet began the new president Clyde Tackley arrived and took charge. Gary Ennis, former SINCUS president and SINCUS News editor dropped in rejoined SINCUS and dicussed the OFA BBS and cures for the hacker problems they have been having. Note all users will have to re-sign on, as all users files have been taken. USE a different password on each and every BBS! John Colonna brought all up to date on whats new on Compu-serve and his expiriences on getting on the Timex BBS in Chicago. A short demo of Jack Dohany's Mscript V5.3, Font Manager and Label printer/sorter was made.

Hello and welcome to NEW members; Charles Byler, Ft. Riley KA; Danie! Isaacson, Brick, NJ; Robert Stoop, Manteca CA; Jess Wyder, Fishkill, NY; James Cramer, LaPuenta, CA; Roy Wisti, Voluntown, CT and to RENEWing members Richard Hurd, Warrenton, OR and Gary Ennis, Owego, NY. Welcome and thanks for the subscription, but dont stop now, write an article and soon you be know all over the place.

WHITE BEING AND MICH SHEET STORM CHILD WARD STATE STORM SHEET WHITE STATE STAT	denie spitte eathe etter			
page 1Meet News, club notes	+	anigh what eather adjust	Meeting DATES 1988	secur which disprators
page 2Bit o'News, 1000 tips	+		nt bano dh'has yat st	
page 3NEWS & REVIEWS	+		JULY 27 Wednesday	
page 4Ottawa TSUG program	+		en e	
page 5" " continued	+		August 17 Wednesday	
page 6Nevsletter Notes	+			
page 7Colonna's Corner	+		Sept 28 Wednesday	
page 8Club notes, policy	+		30 (2)	
weld with high was day late also also day also also also also also also also also	artesis agains digario daligis. Visious		Oct 19 Wednesday	
				. 15003
		date tone total or	- 7pm Vestal Library	/
			-	

Head for a Timex Sinclair Computer Fest this summer- one in Ohio and another in Oregon. Attend and have fun!

BACK issues — we have been publishing a newsletter since SINCUS was formed back in 1982, our newsletters with interesting articles on the 2068 go back to 1983/84. Much, but not all was saved to tape, and lately I have been transferring from taped Tasword files to disc files in MScript. One problem with the files, often listings or artwork supported the article. I have been trying to put reproductions of the art on screens and save to disc—but the screen can hold only small amounts of the orginial artwork. When the project is complete a listing of articles, artwork, and listings will then be available at cost plus postage.

The wonderful but whacky US Postal service is driving me to imbibe. Last issue weighted in over 1 ounce, therefore cost an extra .20 to mail, on some mailings, and others just cost the .25 stamps to mail. I can only figure the humidty added .1 or .2 ounce per newsletter. We cannot survive long at .45 per mailing, so I am going to limit the issue to five sheets.

ZX81/TS1000 Tips-by Don Lamen, SINCUS

7. A five byte machine code routine to save printer paper while copying screen:
This routine is fully relocatable. For our example we will put it in 1 REM and it will copy 8 lines.

ENTRY POINT:

-> 4082 1608 WD D, 08; 8 dec. (16514) C36808 JP 0868 5 bytes

Using BASIC it can be put in as follows:

1 REM 12345

10 POKE 16514, 22

20 POKE 16515, 8 [The number of lines to be copied (1 to 24 dec.)]

30 POKE 16516, 195

40 POKE 16517, 107

50 POKE 16518, 8

Direct command - RUN (ENTER) Then DELETE lines 50 to 10

To use this routine from BASIC set up a line for the USR call and use GOTO whenever you want to copy other than the normal 22 lines.

Example: 2000 RAND USR 16514

Direct command GOTO 2000

NOTE: A direct command - RAND USR 16514 $\langle \text{ENTER} \rangle$ will clear the screen and print so many empty lines.

To use this routine from Machine code just use a jump, relative jump or a call. The AF, BC, DE and HL register pairs are all changed, therefore push all the ones you want to keep onto the STACK before running the routine and pop them back afterwards.

8. To find the Line Address from the Line Number:

Push AF,BC, DE, and HL onto the STACK if they contain information you don't want to lose. Then Load HL with the Line number integers. Next call O9D8, Line-Addr subroutine. The Line address will be returned in HL.

Example: Find the Line address of the Line Number 350.

XXXX F5 PUSH AF
C5 PUSH BC
D5 PUSH DE
E5 PUSH HL
215E01 LD HL, 015E; 350 DEC.
CDD809 CALL 09D8, LINE-ADDR.

At this point HL will contain the line address in interger form.

Ed. Note: Thanks Don for this continuing series on short machine code routines for the 1000. You can dust off the old 1000 and kick some of these ideas around. You might even want to try them on the 2068.

NEWS, NEW, VIEWS and REVIEWS.....Paul Hill

NEW: A QL newsletter - QLusa, 419 Parkwood Dr. E., Orange Park, FL 32073; \$15 a year-bimontly

NEWS: Speedysoft, Byron House, 15 Lady Byron Lane, Knowle, West Midlands, B93 9AT. Order Spectrum software at low prices from England-pay by plastic (Visa-Mastercard) Enroll a new member and get a FREE game. Some oldies, some goodies, but the price isnt too bad, the shipping charges do bring it up a bit.

REVIEWS: Recent purchases include Omni Calc2 for full size printers, Pixel Print Plus! from Knighted Computers, 10 Canalview Mall, Fulton, NY 13069 and MScript Version 5.3, Font Manager, and Mail Sort/Label Print, from Jack Dohany, 390 Rutherford, Redwood City, CA 94061. I can only give a brief and initial review of the above, as I have had limited time on each of the above.

Omni Calc 2, (\$19.95) by Microsphere (a TS2068 version by Knighted Computers) comes in Spectrum and 2068. Using the OM64000 version and a print driver you can printout to your full size printer. It is impossible to get into the program to goto disc drives. With the Oliger system a NMI save is the only way to get it to disc, but all saves and loads of data have to be to tape. It is fast by tape, but still hang up. Never having used a spread sheet program before, I found it a little difficult to use. But with a couple hours practice, I started making simple spread sheets, balancing the checkbook and monthly statements. It appears that one could do state and local taxes quite easily. The biggest drawback, only 3 columns, and a permanent left column are on the screen, with 15 rows and if you are like me and forget what is in the 7th column while working on the 13th column, you will have to take notes, or keep bouncing around the spreadsheet. It would be a little nicer in a 64 column screen, but you can't have everything, can you? One could have a GREAT little spreadsheet program with disc load/save and 64 character screen width.

Pixel Print PLUS! (\$19.95) by Stan Lemke. I have not had much luck with this program. I plan to write Stan and ask him how to use the program. This program has several other support programs, for fonts and icons and a Tasword converter at \$20 a clip. After I learn how to use it, I will write a review.

MScript Version 5.3 (\$25) by Jack Dohany- I bought Version 5.0 a couple years ago, and have not been dissappointed on bit. I have tried Tasword again, but do not like the letters (too hard to read) and find it too confining. 5.3 has a souped up cursor control, cataloging (disc or tape), drive control (0 to 3), use (tape or disc), Format, Erase, Give Name, and new view memory control and IMBEDDED letter codes (greatly solves many little problems). It is fexible, fast and Easy to use. Of course this is from a long time user of MScript who did not know anything about paging screens with the CS & SS and 6 or 7. The documentation is VAST, read or skim it once you have the program up and running. Try each feature, reread the documentation carefully, and play with it a little. I am waiting for V6,...

Font manager (\$20) by Jack Dohany, came with two libraries of fonts, 20 per library but many appear to be the same. About 22 seem different. Works in 32 character mode. Lots to read on this, and I need a lot of time to play with this one, more of a review later.

Mailing label Printer/Sorter, is a modified MScript by Jack Dohany, to Print mailing labels, and the list can be sorted by ZIP or by last name. Additional info can be put in the file, but not printed if preceded by a semi-colon. As I had my mailing list on Mscript, it was not much of a chore to put into the Sorter program.

From Vancouver TSUG's Bits and Pieces..." recent flyer from A+ Response had the following listed:complete QL...\$89,QL kit no software...\$75,QL chip set,all...\$39,QL US power supply...\$15, m/carts pak...\$15, QL User Guide...\$10, QL Tech guide...\$10, QL sevice manual...\$12

3

```
Ø>REM SECRET AGENT PROGRAM MA
 KES CODING AND DECODING CHILDSPL
AY, PROGRAM BY BILL HARMER, APR. 19
 85.ALL RIGHTS RESERVED
         REM
 SECRET AGENT IS A PROGRAM FOR
THE SINCLAIR 2068 WHICH IS
DESIGNED TO MAKE CODING AND DE-
CODING CHILDSPLAY, ORIGINAL PRO-
 GRAM BY BILL HARMER CONVERTED TO
THE 2068 BY DAVID SOLLY, OTTAWA,
 ONTARIO, 1985.
2 REM SECRET AGENT COPYRIGHT
      1985 BY BILL HARMER, OTTAWA-
NON-COMMERCIAL NON-PROFIT USE
AND THE MAKING OF ONE PERSONA
COPY ALLOWED BY TIMEX-SINCLAI
      USER GROUP MEMBERS
        REM REVISED TS 2068
         VERSION 2.
        REM SECRET AGENT 8
          (FINISHED)
         CLS
                  POKE 23658,8
    50 DIM X (100)
        PRINT AT 10,0;"*
    50
                                                 SE
 CRET AGENT
    65 PRINT AT 9,0;"#
                              ¥ "
    67 PRINT AT 11,0;"*
                              **
    70 PRINT AT 8,0;"
                       12,0;"*
    72 PRINT AT
 90 PŘÍNŤ ; FĽÁSH 1;AT 21,0;"PR
S ENTER KEY TO GO ON"
95 INPUT A$
96 CLS
    97 IF A$="SESAME" THEN GO TO 9
 000
  100 PRINT "SECRET AGENT
                                        IS A PR
                    DESIGNED TO ENCODE A
 OGRAM
ND DECODE
                    SECRET MESSAGES
  101 PRINT
                 "A HESSAGE IS ENTERED
  102 PRINT
AND THE
                    COMPUTER WILL CONVER
   IT TO A
                    SEQUENCE OF
                                      UNINTELL
 IGIBLE
                   NUMBERS. THE MESSAGE
DECIPHERED BY ANOTHE
HAVING THE SAME PROG
  CAN BE
R PERSON
RAM"
  103 PRINT
                  "ONE MUST KNOW HOWEVE
THE FOUR CODING OPTI
BEEN USED"
  104 PRINT
R WHICH OF
ONS HAVE
105 PRINT "VARYING THE CODING OPTION MAKES THE CODE MORE SECURE
110 PRINT ; FLASH 1; AT 21,0; "PR
ESS ENTER TO GO ON"
  112 INPUT AS
  114 CLS
115 PRINT; FLASH 1; "ENTER"; FL
ASH 0; " CODE OR DECODE DEPEN
D-ING ON WHETHER YOU WISH TO COD
E A NEW MESSAGE OR DECODE A CODE
  MESSAGE"
 120 INPUT M$
 130 CLS
140 PRINT; FLASH 1; "ENTER"; FL
ASH 0; " UHICH CODE YOU ARE USIN
G (1, 2, 3, OR 4)"
   (1, 2, 3, OR 4)"
50 INPUT W
 150
      PRINT
 155
```

```
160 IF U(>)1 AND U(>)2 AND U(>)3 A ND U(>)4 THEN PRINT AT 10,0; "ENTE R ONLY ONE OF THE NUMBERS 1,2,3
  OR 4. TRY AGAIN"

170 IF U()1 AND U()2 AND U()3 A

ND U()4 THEN GO TO 150
   180 LET I=U
190 IF U=2 THEN LET I=5
200 IF U=4 THEN LET I=7
210 REH "I" IS EXTRA INCREMENT
  OF SUBSTITUTION, HERE SET
5 OR 7 (BY CODE 1,3,2,4)
   220 CL5
300 IF M$="CODE" OR M$="C" THEN
GO TO 1000
 310 IF
DE" AND
       0 IF M$<>"CODE" AND M$<>"DECO
AND M$<>"C" AND M$<>"D" THEN
   GO TO 115
320 IF M$="D" OR M$="DECODE" TH
  EN GO TO 2000
   330 GO TO 115
950 PRINT : PRINT "THIS PROGRAM
USES __;38912- FREE ;"BYTES"
   990 STÓP
  1000 REM ENCODING ROUTINE
 1010 PRINT "PROGRAM TO CODE A NE
U MESSAGE"
  1020 PRINT "USING CODE NUMBER ";
 1030 PRINT
1040 PRINT
                   "ENTER YOUR MESSAGE N
 OU (UP TO
                   100 CHARACTERS = APPRO
      20 WORDS) "
 Х.
 1045 PRINT
1050 PRINT "IF YOUR MESSAGE IS L
ONGER BREAK IT UP INTO SMALLER MESSAGES AND CODE THEM SEPARATELY
 1055 PRINT
 1060 PRINT ; FLASH 1; "ENTER MESS
 AGE NOU"
 1070 INPUT R$
1080 CLS : PRINT ; FLASH 1; "WAIT
 1085 PRINT :
                      PRINT : PRINT
 1100 LET F5=""
 1110 REM IN OTHER COMPUTERS LINE
 1210 WOULD BE- U$=MID$(R$,N,1)

1200 FOR N=1 TO (LEN R$)

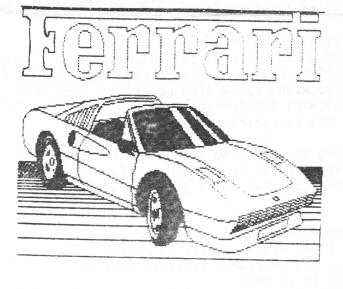
1210 LET U$=R$(N TO N)

1220 LET Y=(CODE (U$))

1225 IF Y<33 OR Y>90 THEN GO TO
 1300
 1226 REM Y <33 OR Y >90 WOULD BE U
 SED FOR LINE 1225 FOR ASCII
 1230 LET Y=Y+7+I
1232 REM ZX-81 VALUES 63 & 53
                IN LINE 1240
1240 IF Y)90 THEN LET Y=Y-58
1245 REM IF Y)90 THEN LET Y=Y-58
WOULD BE USED FOR LINE 1240 FOR
ASCII
1250 LET T$=STR$ Y
1270 LET F$=F$+T$+","
 1300 NEXT N
1310
1340 CLS : PRINT "MESSAGE IS: ",,
F$
1400 PRINT AT 20,0; "PRESS ENTER TO CODE AGRIN OR ENTER B T
  GO BACK TO START"
1410 INPUT A±
1420 CLS
1440 IF A$="B" OR A$="BEGIN" THE
N GO TO 100
1460 GC TO 1000
2000 REM DECODING ROUTINE
2010 PRINT "PROGRAM TO DECODE A
NEW MESSAGE"
```

2020 PRINT "USING CODE NUMBER";
2030 PRINT
2040 PRINT "ENTER THE CODED TEXT
COMPLETE UITH COMMAS BETWEEN
THE NUMBERS"
2045 PRINT
2050 PRINT "UP TO 100 NUMBERS AR
E ALLOWED INTHE TEXT";
2055 PRINT "(NO SPACES ARE PLACE
D IN THE DECODED TEXT)"
2060 PRINT
2060 PRINT; FLASH 1; "ENTER MESS
AGE NOU"
2070 INPUT P\$
2080 CLS : PRINT ; FLASH 1; "WAIT
2085 PRINT : PRINT : PRINT
2085 PRINT : PRINT : PRINT
2080 PRINT : PRINT : PRINT
2090 LET G\$=""
2100 SAY-U\$=MID\$(P\$,N,1) AN
D 2215 U\$=MID\$(P\$,N+1,1)
2200 FOR N=1 TO (LEN P\$) STEP 3
2210 LET U\$=P\$(N TO N)
2215 LET V\$=P\$(N+1 TO N)
2217 LET M=((N-1)/3)+1
2220 IF X(M)=UAL (U\$+U\$)
2235 IF X(1)=0 THEN GO TO 2090
2237 LET X(M)=(X(M)-7)-I

Thanks To the Ottawa TSUG For the listing AND To Theonix Pete for the RLE Graphies -





Fred Nachbaur, is getting outa the commercial end of things TS1000- just not enough users.

Ed Grey Enterprises (formerly Grey & Clifford) PO Box 2186, Inglewood, CA 90305, write for catalog.

Brooklyn Close-out Corp. 167 Clymer St., Brooklyn, NY 11211 718-963-2377 still have a few 2068s with 2040s 2 cart and 3 cassettes for \$130. a 2040 for \$20, a 1000 + 16K for \$30...."

For those with a 1000 or 1500, and a modem, and 32K of RAM available PLUS a static RAM board (Hunter) and the ZX-Term-80 RLE graphics are possible. See the June 88 issue of "ZX-Appeal" of the Vancouver Sinclair Users Group. This is by Greg Harder, POB 6493, Denver CO 80206- who donated it to public domain. If you write Mr. Harder dont forget to include A SASE for a reply.

From J. Colonna, SINCUS:-"Xpress News Service-on Newchannels Cable Company Hookup your computer to current news, sports, weather and all, for a one time charge of 11.50, and \$15 a mont: on top of your cable TV sevice. You need a serial port, we provide a cable splitter, a little box and software. First month free." Call 607-798-8001 if interested.

Chicago Area TSUG's "NITE-TIMES NEWS" reports: " According to Joe Newman of LIST, A+ Computer Response is no longer selling individual QLs, they have some 800 QLs to sell off.

John McMichael, 1710 Palmer Dr. Laramie, Wyoming 82070 has hooked up a Okimate 20 color printer to his TS2068 via his Commodore 1520 Plotter interface card. He has developed software that enables B&W and COLOR screen dumps, LPRINTing, LLISTing, and printouts from customized MScript Versions 5.0 or 5.2 on the Okimate 20. Send a SASE for price list.

REMOVE Lenslok from Art Studio, in the June issue is a short program which will enable one to get rid of the lenslok copy protection. [Please refrain from making illegal copies, just play around with your own copy.]

Note: Please include a SASE or at least postage when expecting a reply from other users, user groups or small businesses. Those quarter dollar stamps can drain what little is in the bank real fast. And to those of you who already do perform this act of courtesy, Thank you.

In case you missed our last issue, we are still trying to help our friends at Knighted Computers, 10 Canalview Mall, Fulton, NY 13069, who are still in business and are still active in supporting the 2068 and 1000 series. It was erronously reported in two newsletters and corrected to date in only one. Spread the word-let's not loose a vendor due to a editor's mistake!

From member Richard Hurd, "MIDI is coming!" Richard has ordered a Spectrum MIDI I/F, and chose RAM Electronics "MUSIC MACHINE" which has MIDI IN, OUT and THRU. A twistor board is necessary to contect to a 2068. Anyone or group interested in MIDI drop SINCUS a note and we'll pass it on to Richard. He also notes that John Mattewson is in the final stages of offering a MIDI I/F for the 2068 and will if enough interest build a buffer board for all the peripherals you want to hang off a 2068.

Also from Richard, he wrote for help on getting Spectrum and TS2068 ROM calls, in the last issue Harold Crandall (Oxford, CT) answered him, and Mr. Hurd sends his thanks to you Mr. Crandall. [Transcontinental sharing of problems and answers, I'm glad we could help].

Get a disc drive- it will save you time, loading programs in a fraction of the tape time, discs are cheaper than tapes, and in no time you will be trying to get organized, one generates more with a disc, and therefore clutters many a disc with files here there and everywhere, but it is FAST!

6

"OH BANNA . . . GIVE ME A LETTER" A Software Review of 'Money Machine II'

by John Colonna, SINCUS

Remember when (not meaning to sound like Andy Rooney . . . but) you had to buy a board game to play your favorite T.V. quiz program? Well, if "Wheel of Fortune" is your favorite gameshow, it is now available for the 2068 computer. Herb Bowers and ABBA Software offer a 'Wheel of Fortune' clone called 'Money Machine II' that captues the essence of this popular television show. You even get a little sprite named 'Banna Brite' to turn those letters. Perhaps the only thing you don't get are the prizes!

Money Machine II is played very similarly to Wheel of Fortune with the spacebar controlling the wheel that sounds incredibly like the one heard on our T.V. sets. Up to three people can play this family, fun game. Individuals can also play by 'passing' the other two players. There are five rounds of competition before the overall winner is declared. Several hundred puzzles are contained on the original cassette and tapes of 800 each are available. Another program is available to make your own puzzles. To avoid repetition while playing at one sitting the puzzles are randomly selected without using the same puzzle twice. To avoid an unfair advantage from having played previously the players do have the opportunity to choose different puzzles.

Money Machine II interacts quite well with the players with its bright colors, flashing messages, various print sizes, appropriate audio reactions, and thorough documentation. A game clock keeps players on their toes to encourage continuous play. Every detail seems to have been covered. A method for tie breaking after the end of five rounds is provided. Players are reminded about the free spin they previously acquired. 'Banna' lets you know that your phrase contains an apostrophe. And one does know when the bonus round is coming up!

Approximately one week after I sent in my order the Money Matic II tape arrived. It came on a LASER C-10 cassette and took about four and one-half minutes to load. I had no loading problems and Herb Bowers assures me that all his programs are saved directly from his 2068 without the use of high speed duplicating equipment. He loads each tape twice on different recorders to verify their 'loadability'. Herb is '2068' all the way from the labels on the cassette and mailing package to the documentation from the 2040 printer. This software package is available for a modest \$12.00 from Herb Bowers, Sr., ABBA Software, 2588 Woodshire Circle, Chesapeake, VA. 23323.

The letter that this software package rates is an 'A'!

Presdident.........Clyde Tackley + credit. Vice President....Dave Schoenwetter + Book Library..... OPEN + Subscription rate: \$8 per year- six

Sinclair Computer Users Society + SINCUS NEWS Gives permission to reprint est. 1982 + any non copyrighted article provided the ---- 1988 SINCUS OFFICERS 1989---- + author and this newsletter is given

Trustee..... Carl Morris + 22 lines. Additional ads for members at

Tape Library.....Don Lamen, Hal Sohn + issues per year. Should SINCUS NEWS be Editor..... aul Hill + discontinued, all accounts owed monies + will be refunded.

TCCS BBS SINCUS Conference GOTO J 5 (607)785-2118 8-N-1 3/1200 Baud 24Hrs 7Days

SINCUS NEWS is the newsletter of the Sinclair Computer Users Society, a non profit organization operated by volunteers dedicated to the Sinclair and Timex Sinclair computer user. Any repros of ads, or any product or services mentioned are not an endorsement but an informational service provided to SINCUS members. Views and opinions are not necessarily the those of the society. Any modification to your computer as a result of any article contained in SINCUS NEWS is done at your risk. We do not take responsibility for any typographical errors.

This issue is later than planned, and also thinner, even with the help of these great disc drives I cannot write every article myself. To those who helped.... Thanks, John Colonna, Don Lamen, and the Ottawa TSUG for their help with this issue. Stay healthy and stay active with your SINCLAIR computer!

NEWSLETTER SWAP: Since my war with words over software pirating with an author of a similiar article in the ATSU Newsletter, we had not gotten a copy of theirs in a swap. Wednesday a copy of their LAST? issue was received, it had been mailed to the old Owego address. Apparently very few members are supporting their letter with articles. This is a shame, they had a very interesting letter back in '85 -'86. What happens to them can and will happen to us, if members don't write articles.

Table State dates state wide to the case was table to the case was

EAST COAST TS FAIR - not about to happen this year, maybe next.

From the editor: It is in the best interests of all to partcipate at meetings. We are split machine wise, 1000s, 2068s, QLs. We are split on mass storage, disc or tape. We all have individual uses for our computers, from business, to newsletters, to entertaining ourselves and families. We all ought to look at what we as individuals want, what we want to learn, to build, to get out of our machines. At the next couple of meets, let's discuss how we can get some common goals so that we set out to attain them. Let's get thinking, dreaming if you will, of a project or a class or a theme to help all use whatever machine they have a little better or more.